CHRISTI WILKINS, 7th place winner in state competition, places 6th at the Uintah High Rodeo, competing against 114 other barrel racers at Western Park.

Local team hosts rodeo

The Uintah High School Rodeo team hosted its annual rodeo Sept. 3-4 at Western Park.

632 contestants from all over Utah competed during the two-day event. The competition started with the early morning queen contest. The pattern was set by the 1993-94 Uintah High School Rodeo Queen. Eight girls competed for the queen honors. Katrina Ford of the Morgan Rodeo Team was crowned queen, Billie Shaum of the Spikers was her first attendant and Denise Abrams of Emery was her second attendant. Jacque Anderson of the Uintah High Team was named Miss Congeniality.

At 2 p.m. the girls and boys cow cutting began in the indoor arena. Mindi Clark of Bear River took first in the girls and Ryan Anderson of Emery took first in the boys. Joe Ylincheta of the Uintah High Team took fourth place.

The main rodeo began at 6 p.m. both days. Jessica Busk of Emery took first in the barrels and Christi Wildkins of the Uintah High Team place 6th. There were 115 entries.

Stephanie Mooseman of Carbon took first place in the breakaway with the time of 4.6 There 59 entries.

In the Goat Tying, Kellie Fowers of the Spiker Team took 1st. There were 60 entries.

Sheila Wilkins took 1st place in the Pole Bending. There were 92 entries.

In the Steer Wrestling there were 19 entries with Josh Watterson of the Oakers taking first.

Team ropers Austin Christenson and Cody Young of the South Utah Rodeo Team took first with the time of 8.91 beating 68 other team ropers. In the Rough Stock event there were 52 bull riders with Jared Davis winning with a score of 77. In the Bareback, Cory Stark of the Spikers took first and Raymond Terry of the Uintah High Rodeo Team placed 4th. There were 30 riders.

Wes Weston of Rich Co. Rodeo Team won the Saddle Bronc with a score of 68. There were 23 entries in that event.

In the Calf Roping, Don Jones also of the Rich Co. Rodeo Team won with a 11.97 to beat 90 other calf ropers.

According to Christi Wilkins the team's vice president, the rodeo went well for many contestants.

Montana Silversmith Buckles were given for first place, event watches for second and sweatshirts for third. Door prizes were also given to the contestants throughout the night. Local business donated the prizes. All around winners, Jessica Busk of Lehi and Corey Stark of Spikers received $50 in cash. Christi also said she appreciated the support of the community and all those who helped and donated their time.

Aboriginal Utes to meet

The Aboriginal Ute Nation will hold a meeting Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. in the Bottle Hollow Convention Center.

It will be an open meeting with attorney Deborah L. Garlin for all Uintah mixed-blood descendants and mixed-blood on the final roll, pursuant to the Utah Partition Act of 1954. Also Uintah full-bloods on the final roll of the Ute Participation Act of 1954 are invited to attend along with all concerned members.

'Get out, stay out' theme for National Fire Prevention Week

Having a working smoke detector to warn you of a fire is only part of the battle against fire deaths, say the experts at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a nonprofit membership organization headquartered in Quincy, Massachusetts. "People need to understand how quickly fire in their homes can spread, and to stay out once they are safely out of the building," says NFPA's Meri-K Appy, assistant vice president for Public Affairs and Education.

Because people too often are not well prepared to evacuate a fast-growing fire, NFPA decided to make ESCAPE the focus of this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. The theme for the national commemoration is "Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe Response." You may only have a very few minutes to safely escape a fire, and NFPA teaches people to resist any temptation to re-enter a burning building. "Firefighters are equipped and trained to go into a fire, we are not, Ms. Appy adds. "Sadly, people who make the tragic mistake of re-entering a burning building may suffer injury or death as a result."

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year in North America and several European countries in remembrance of the Great Chicago fire of 1871, in which 250 people died. Held every October, it is the full week-Sunday through Saturday which includes October 9, the anniversary of the Fire.

"Every household should develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with all occupants at least twice a year," Ms. Appy says. "Further, we all need to get in the habit of identifying escape routes wherever we are, so we can get out quickly in the event of a fire or other emergency," The Association recommends that fire drills be conducted regularly in the workplace and at schools, day-care centers, nursing homes, and all places where people gather for extended periods. A good escape plan includes knowing two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services.

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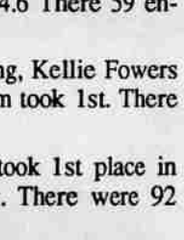

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Getting their 'shots'

This is a sorta scary article. We don't like to think about scary things that hurt kids. We don't like to think about guns and fast cars and peer pressure. We don't like to think about all those things out of our control.

But there's a scary thing we can protect our kids from. Tiny little things you need a microscope to see. Things that can cause disease and disability and death. We can protect our kids with a shot.

I won't let my Jared read this article. When we took him for his kindergarten shots, it took three of us to hold him down. He was hysterical. At five he just couldn't understand that the vaccination was to keep him healthy.

Kindergartners, by law, are supposed to have had "their shots" before entering school, but each year, some kids fall through the cracks. And parents like me are still sometimes confused as to just what protection our kids must have and what are options.

So I called Dr. Camille Collett and asked her lots of questions. She gave me lots of answers that may be worth clipping and saving for reference.

The vaccines children are required to have before kindergarten include your basic DPT (do all doctors speak in alphabet soup?) which tetanus. These are not microbes to mess with. Diphtheria causes the throat to swell and can cause suffocation. Pertusses is better known as whopping cough and tetanus causes lockjaw and can be caused by even a small, insignificant cut. The shot series is given at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months and then a booster at age 4-6 years.

What some of us might not know is that a Tetanus/Diphtheria (Thawed) booster is due at about age 15. Jared will be so thrilled.

Dr. Collett said, "Then there's the MMR," and responded to my blank stare by translating it to Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Kids should have an MMR at 15 months, at kindergarten and then should have a booster when thery're ten or older.

Kids actually like the polio vaccine because its still taken orally on a lump of sugar at 2, 4, 6 and 18 months and a booster at kindergarten.

Parents with children in fragile health who may have diabetes, kidney failure or asthma should check with doctors about yearly flu shots and Pneumovax which prevents pneumococcal pneumonia.

Scary things. Scary words. But something we can fight. Don't be afraid. Shots can run as low as $3. For more information, call your county health department or your doctor.

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